

# BRISTOW IS CLEARED OF BEATING HIS WIFE



FREED: Bristow at court yesterday. Right – with Jane before their split



**DARTS legend Eric Bristow wept yesterday after being cleared of attacking his wife.**

Bristow, 48, a five-times world champion and MBE, was accused of punching wife Jane in the face during a drunken row at their home.

Speaking after he was found not guilty of common assault, the Crafty Cockney joked: "I've had

■ by JERRY LAWTON

enough of women now, I might go gay!"

Jane, 43, had claimed that Bristow struck her so hard she was left with blood pouring from her nose.

But Bristow's solicitor Paul Cliff accused her of making up the story to speed up divorce proceedings.

Dad-of-two Bristow burst into tears after magistrates in

Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, cleared him.

Speaking outside the court he said: "It's been the worst seven months of my life. It's been very difficult for me and the children."

## Row

"I am not bitter at all. Jane has got her boyfriend and I just want her to get on with her life while I get on with mine."

He added: "I would rather play

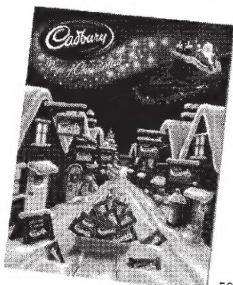
darts in front of millions than have to go through that again."

Bristow had earlier admitted to magistrates that he had a "blazing row" with his wife at their luxury home in Leek, Staffs, in April. But he denied ever hitting her.

Giving evidence from behind a screen, Jane Bristow told the court her husband of 16 years punched her after he returned from a drinking session.

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## ONLY 30 DAYS TO GO

**H**i there folks and welcome to the weekend AT LAST. I thought all my sensitive bits were going to get frozen off.

Boy, it was so cold I saw a brass monkey walking around with a soldering iron, if you get my drift - snow drift!

Roll on the summer, I've already had enough winter.

I'm also up to here with bloody

Christmas adverts on TV. Every

commercial on the radio and TV seems to be for some toy or Christmas supermarket food.

It's so hard to try to stay sober and not nosh all the time with all this brainwashing for mince pies and Christmas booze.

If I see one more reindeer on the TV, I swear I'm going to bite its head off - and I'll still have

room for the antlers. I'm also fed

up with the kids dropping hints

about what they want for Christmas every five minutes.

I keep saying that I'm making all the presents this year. Yep its IKEA shelves all round and a flatpack tree with a real fairy stuck on the top.

I'd better phone those decorating boys from Channel Five, I bet they can sort me a proper Christmas fairy for the tree. Oh, Matron!



RUBBISH: Kimberley

I'M totally hooked on I'm A Celebrity again. I love David Dickinson and Carol Thatcher and I think Sid Owen will win.

So far I think Aussie girl Kimberley might be the biggest drama queen. All that rubbish the other night about her favourite G-string being damaged and her bush knowledge - give me a break! Kimberley is a city girl through and through.

She has about as much bush experience as Steve Irwin's accountant.

I think Jilly Goolden is going to start getting the shakes if the Merlot or Shiraz doesn't start getting dropped into the camp. You can see it in her eyes.

I bet she can't stop fantasising about Richard and Judy's wine club and what she's missing out on.

# A Damm fine show from Bob

**I**SNEAKED into the posh Savoy Hotel in London the other day for the press day of the movie Mrs Henderson Presents.

It's the new film from Bob Hoskins and this time he is also a co-producer.

It's all about the real Windmill Theatre in London and how it was once home to the nude revue during the Second World War.

Can you believe, in those days they actually got a licence for a NUDE revue - as long as the naked girls didn't move. That way it was like imitating art. That is so British, isn't it?

Dame Judi Dench is fab as Mrs Henderson, the lady who bought The Windmill and came up with the idea for all that naked flesh. She should be made a saint.

**B**ob Hoskins is great, even though he has a girl's name in the movie - Vivian Van Damme.

This is a great break for Will Young. He plays Bertie the singer in the show. He is pretty good but he is a little bit too young for the part. Then again how can you shine when you're in the same movie as legends like Bob Hoskins, Dame Judi and Spinal Tap's Christopher Guest.

It looks fantastic, with all the great London locations and wartime cars and uniforms that the Yanks will love.

I'd never have known about all this nakedness in Soho during the Blitz... and they never stopped doing it every night throughout the whole war!



WAR TALES: Jono with Bob Hoskins

## DRAGONS' HOT SHOW

**ONE** of my new favourite TV shows is BBC2's Dragon's Den on Tuesday nights.

I met a few of the stars of the show on Steve Wright's Show after Children In Need. Duncan Ballantyne is one of the straight-talking panel members who tell the punters what they are doing wrong with their business.

And he also tells them whether he or the other Dragons are going to invest THEIR real money in their businesses.

It's riveting to watch some of these business owners being demolished in front of the panel.

It's not really reality TV but I know some of the people who have been on and I know the BBC do a lot of clever editing.

And it's not always in favour of the Dragons and sometimes not in favour of the contestants.

There have been quite a few complaints to the producers about that editing and the way they are made to look.

Also there is the fact that one of the Dragons has actually gone broke and been bailed out by two of the other Dragons on the panel. But hey, that's showbiz. I love it, warts and all.

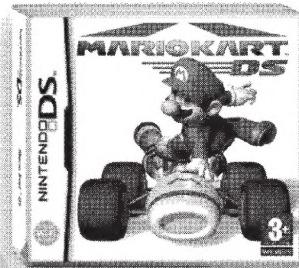
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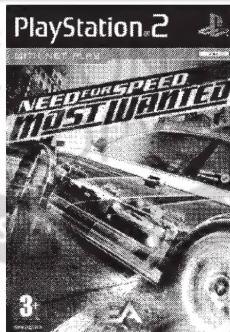
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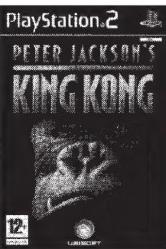
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## Toon terror kid gets his way in a manger to nab top role as baby Jesus



# DON'T HAVE A COW GOD!

■ by PAUL MALLEY

HERE'S bad boy Bart Simpson in a most unlikely role as baby Jesus. He gets a halo in a Nativity scene for The Simpsons Christmas special, featuring parents Homer as Joseph and Marge as the Virgin Mary.

Sister Lisa sprouts wings as the Angel Gabriel, and the Three Wise Men are Principal Skinner, Dr Hibbert and Professor Frink.

Show boss Al Jean said: "We always do Hallowe'en and Christmas specials so this year we thought it would be fun to do a Nativity."

"The Simpsons are about as different as you can get from Our Lord's family, so we've had a lot of fun with it."

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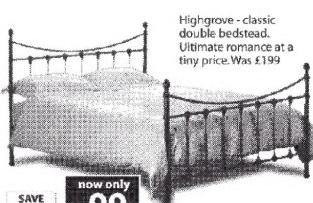
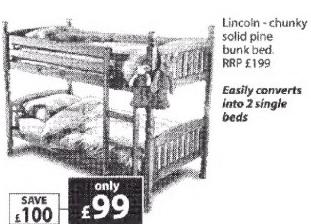
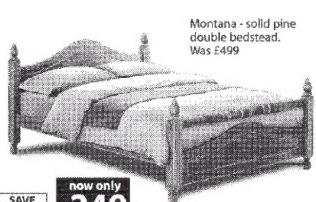
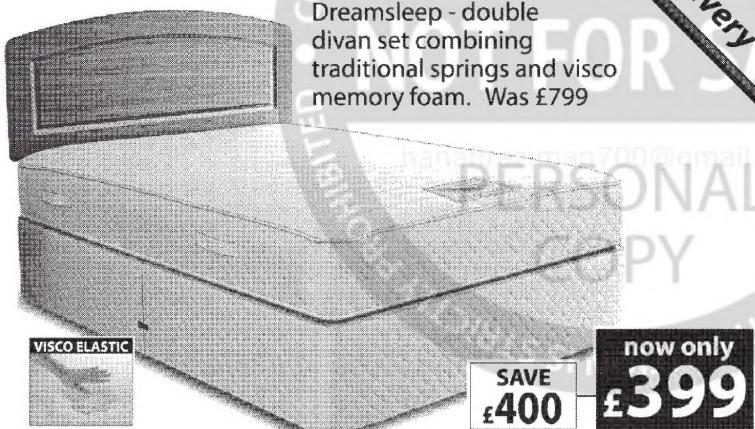
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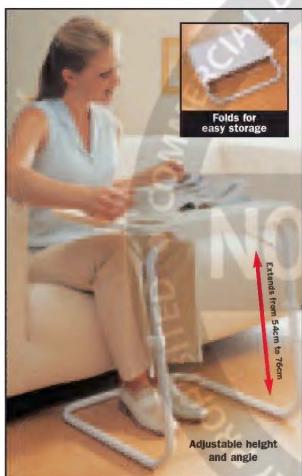


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# B-TEST WILL TURN ME INTO A LION

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■ by JERRY LAWTON

a lion". Zimbabwean Mukandiwa, who is studying engineering here, said he'd turn into a wild beast.

So police in Huddersfield charged him with refusing to provide a blood sample. He was cleared of the charge by District Judge Jonathan Bennett at Huddersfield Magistrates' Court after an expert witness backed Mukandiwa's claims.

Richard Werbner, professor of African Anthropology at Manchester University, said witch-doctors could go into trances where they became "another being".

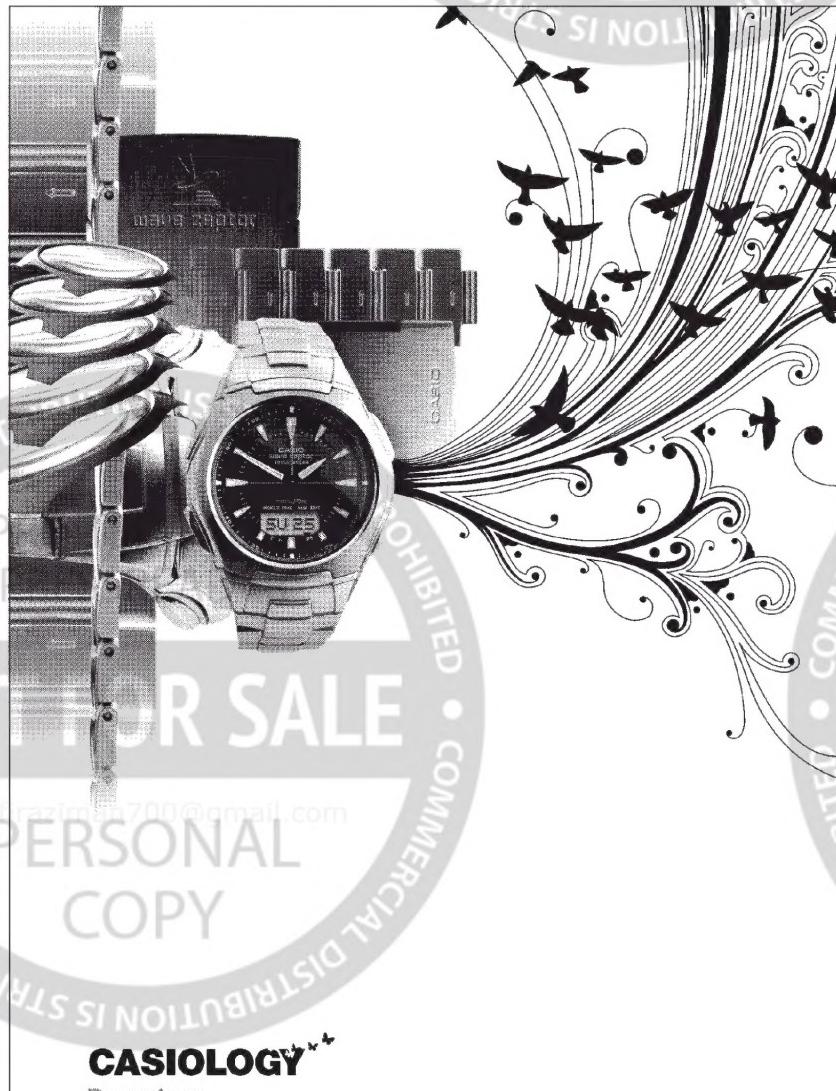
But two Appeal Court judges overturned the decision, saying Judge Bennett had been "mesmerised" by the witch-doctor's claims.

And yesterday, Mukandiwa, of Huddersfield, was back before Judge Bennett - who fined him £250 and banned him from driving for 18 months.

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favourite sport during  
a break from reporting  
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# CAMP IS FLOODED, TV BABES COME OUT IN SYMPATHY

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■ by LINDA HARRISON

IT may be a washout in the jungle, but these I'm A Celebrity babes really know how to make a splash.

Contestants on the hit ITV show had to sleep in soggy beds this week after their camp was flooded by a tropical storm. But while the celebs were left mopping up, tasty show babes Tara Palmer-Tomkinson and Jenni Falconer were soaking up the fun.

Tara, 33, took a break from hosting ITV2 spin-off show Jungle Dreams to try her hand at surfing Down Under in the briefest of bikinis.

And while we reckon she's the ideal beach babe, Tara's far from happy with her bod after shedding the pounds earlier this year following a love-split.

She says: "I want to get some boobs and bum back! I'm the first to admit I'm thin."

Meanwhile, hot Scot Jenni, 29, also took to the water in the Aussie heat. The GMTV I'm A Celeb reporter flashed the flesh in a red floral bikini as she grabbed her board for a bodyboarding session.

And she wasn't the only one who couldn't keep the smile off her face – lucky onlookers seemed pretty happy, too.

# Just Jane



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## Booze is bad news

I'M desperate to cut down the amount of alcohol I drink, but my best mate won't let me.

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He's always got the third one lined up before I can say "no" and starts his impression of Mrs Doyle out of Father Ted - "go on, go on, go on".

In the end I inevitably give in, because I don't want him drinking alone, and we get drunk yet again.

But the hangovers are getting worse and I'm spending an absolute fortune on beer.

### Dump

My girlfriend doesn't like it either and is threatening to dump me if I don't take control.

My mate warned that she'd eventually take over my life and start telling me what to do. That's why he hates her.

**JANE SAYS:** It is possible to have a best mate and a girlfriend. Most guys manage it.

The two of them may not like each other very much, but there's usually an uneasy truce.

The problem you have is that your mate is insecure and immature - he may also have a drink problem.

He is striving to control you through booze and you can't have that.

If you can't stand up to him, then you'll have to stop mixing with him.

As it stands at the moment, your liver, your relationship and your bank balance are all in danger.

Suggest that your mate contacts Drinkline (0800 917 8282) for help and advice and start thinking about cutting him out of your life.



WRITE  
TO  
REPLY

TWO weeks ago I published this letter from a reader. She wanted to know what she should do.

DESPITE being an engineer, my boyfriend refuses to learn how our household appliances work.

He can't programme the central heating, use the washing machine or work the microwave. He's never paid the milkman, ordered food online or taken the dog to the vet.

Whenever I try to teach him the basics, he says I'm trying to "domesticate" him, which he despises.

I'm getting sick of slogging my guts out in the office and at home, for very little thanks. Here are some of your answers.

YOUR reader is a mug - even I can see that! She is too soft with her boyfriend and lets him get away with murder.

Unless she takes a firm hand and sets out a few ground rules, then he's going to treat her as a skivvy forever.

This is not being unkind, just sensible.

S.F. YARDE, Kent.

If you give people an inch, then they'll take a mile. That's what I've always found. My ex-boyfriend always refused to learn how to drive.

Consequently he could always drink, and never had to pay for petrol or do the supermarket shopping. Result for him.

But only three weeks after dumping me for a tart with a fat bum, I spotted him in a BSM car having driving lessons.

MS G. GRAYSON, York.

I ONCE worked in an office where I was the only person who knew how to change the toner in the photocopier.

Funny that. Consequently I had to change it every single time it ran low.

Eventually I realised that I was being taken advantage of - especially when I tried to teach someone else how to do it and they just walked away.

In my next job, I decided that I couldn't even use the photocopier let alone add paper...

There's a lesson in there somewhere!

SALLY JOHNSTONE, Essex.

Now for this week's letter, what do you think this reader should do?

A COUPLE of weeks ago I bumped into an ex-colleague in a wine bar. I thought that I was looking quite good.

But she looked me up and down and sneered: "Hell, you've let yourself go."

Minutes later she collapsed in a drunken heap and had to be carried out. But I just can't stop thinking about what she said.

My confidence has been knocked for six. I don't know if I can face going out over Christmas if I look so bad.

I've already turned down a couple of invitations because of what she said.

Write to the address at the bottom of the page. Your letters will be published in TWO weeks.

## FAMILY DO IS A JINGLE HELL

MY revolting in-laws have invited themselves to our house for Christmas.

Last week my soppy husband picked up the phone to his dad, who pompously announced we'd been chosen to host the festivities.

Whoopie! Not only do they want to stay over from December 23 to January 2, but his mum has now forwarded a list of demands that would rival any rock band.

They want firm pillows on the beds, a particular brand of wine and, as they're both dia-

hetic as well as wheat, nut and lactose intolerant, I'd better get some special food in too.

I feel like getting on the first plane to anywhere and leaving them too.

The problem is my husband is just too soft with his folks.

### Tight

I'm four months pregnant with our second child and feel like death. Money is tight, our house is tiny and I just don't have the energy for a big do.

The last time they came it was like a pressure cooker in here. The cooking and the washing up were constant

and I felt like I was going mad. As I shut the door to them on New Year's Eve after a massive row about a mince pie, I vowed never to do it again.

I thought that they had got the hint, but here they are, determined to abuse our hospitality yet again.

We spend, eat and drink too much and all expect to have that elusive "good time."

But as a pregnant woman you have to realise your limitations. If your husband won't be honest with his family, then you must. Pick a day and suggest that they come for a special tea - and then go home.

**JANE SAYS:** Put your foot down and say no. You must put your unborn child, your health and your immediate family first.

Your in-laws are taking liberties, scrounging off you instead of paying for their own Christmas. Wouldn't we

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a BT landline)

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Fantastic Sex

## SISTER ACTS SO JEALOUS

MY sister has just returned from eight years of living in Canada. Her marriage broke up when she discovered her husband having sex with a mountie.

She's now living with us. In her absence I've had a little boy who is my world.

But it's clear that she doesn't like my seven-year-old son and resents the fact that he has my attention.

All she wants to do is talk about her divorce 24/7 and she gets nasty if my boy needs a drink or a cuddle.

She's even accused him of going through her handbag and spoiling her clothes.

The other day she called

him a wicked liar, which nearly broke my heart.

**JANE SAYS:** Your selfish sister needs to realise that life has moved on.

You're not the person she left behind, you're now a mother and have responsibilities.

If she can't love and accept your little boy, then she has a major problem. He has got to be your No.1 priority.

I suggest you give it to her straight. Ask for an apology and an assurance that she's going to change or give her a date by which she must leave.

Write to JUST JANE, Daily Star, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6EN or email [jane.gorman@dailystar.co.uk](mailto:jane.gorman@dailystar.co.uk)



**SHE MUST GO**

Day five

**1 THAT NIGHT****2****3 ED GOES UPSTAIRS****4****CONTINUES TOMORROW****Justin Toper****The DAILY STAR-gazer who knows your future****Aries**

(Mar 21–Apr 19)

YOU are not easily persuaded. But you may have been forced to cancel an arrangement because of what happened inadvertently. However, your hopes shouldn't have faded completely. There is a little treat coming your way this weekend – no less from a place that you had long since ceased to think about. To find out why a proposal is astonishing, call...

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**Taurus**

(Apr 21–May 20)

IN this instance, it might be better to get something in writing before you enter into a business relationship. And yet, you may not even need the money of others after the weekend. In truth, your impulsiveness defies belief, and you may sign up for something that is far more pleasant. For a personal strategy that works, call...

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**Gemini**

(May 22–June 21)

NO doubt someone will complain that you are not paying enough attention. Either that or they will want to have their say. But it's possible that a breakthrough will occur if you work as a couple – though in some ways what you accomplish this weekend is totally separate. To see why you can expect amazing personal results, call...

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**Cancer**

(June 22–July 22)

YOU might find yourself trapped under a pile of work. Even by your own admission, this is a strenuous time. In retrospect, your happiness comes first. Not only that, but because of a splendid link between Jupiter and Uranus this weekend, you may have the perfect excuse to get away. To see why you could get carried away by your emotions, call...

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**Leo**

(July 24–Aug 23)

COMMUNICATING your feelings should become easier, even though you may have embarrassed yourself. But it seems you are really worried about what you may be losing if you break up a partnership or modify your living arrangements. At least someone is prepared to cover all the costs. To see why there is some easy money to be made, call...

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**Virgo**

(Aug 24–Sep 23)

YOU may have an obligation to stay at home but don't moan – you should still feel free to accept invitations. The reaction of various people might prompt you to alter your plans. But this is just a formality and you should do it with a good heart. To see why you won't be going in circles any longer, call...

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**Libra**

(Sep 24–Oct 23)

YOU may not be well-balanced or serene at the moment. The likelihood is you are a bit manic and the idea of working this weekend doesn't put you in a good mood. Little did you realise that others have your welfare at heart. Above all, you should be able to meet deadlines. To see why minor miracles are possible, call...

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**Scorpio**

(Oct 24–Nov 23)

EVEN though new facts and figures have been presented, you may need the weekend to chew over an offer. But it would be better if you had something else to concentrate on. If nothing else, a fantastic link between Jupiter in Scorpio and Uranus urges you to dress up – to the hilt. To see why love will come from an unexpected place, call...

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**Sagittarius** (Nov 23–Dec 21)

DUE to a recent link between the Sun in Sagittarius and Mercury, what you said in a rare moment of honesty should have had the desired effect. What's more, it would be very foolish for others to question your motives. Besides, what is decided next also happens to be great for the whole family. To see why you won't be in limbo for long, call...

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**Capricorn**

(Dec 22–Jan 20)

YOU sometimes suffer from self-doubt. In fact, what has just come to light tends to make you wonder whether those around you are hiding something, which is why you are so pensive. Of course, you may think differently when what's being planned suddenly manifests itself this weekend. To find out about the best kept secret, call...

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**Aquarius**

(Jan 21–Feb 18)

A RECENT encounter may have proved enlightening. However, to what extent you and somebody are friends or linked remains to be seen. In any event, you should be feeling that you are somehow special. Even before that, you could be offered generous terms from your employer. To see why you have lots of options, call...

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**Pisces**

(Feb 19–Mar 20)

YOU may be talked into taking on a new role. Let's hope that the faith or confidence of others is justified. Meanwhile, you too could find yourself on a bit of a rollercoaster – especially when someone shows up this weekend. At least, you won't have to look hard or go too far to discover what makes you happy. To see why you have a lust for adventure, call...

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**UK TOP 10**

1 (-) HARRY POTTER & GOBLET OF FIRE £104,933,901	6 (7) KISS KISS, BANG BANG £309,874
2 (1) IN HER SHOES £865,769	7 (5) SAW 2 £282,142
3 (4) CONSTANT GAR-DENER £737,138	8 (-) THE LIBERTINE £278,482
4 (2) NANNY McPHEE £637,277	9 (6) THE BROTHERS GRIMM £172,686
5 (3) WALLACE AND GROMIT £505,518	10 (8) THE LEGEND OF ZORRO £70,195
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**US TOP 10**

1 (-) HARRY POTTER & GOBLET OF FIRE \$102,335,066	6 (5) JARHEAD \$4,753,335
2 (-) WALK THE LINE \$22,347,341	7 (4) GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' \$4,420,706
3 (1) CHICKEN LITTLE \$14,711,378	8 (6) SAW 2 \$3,961,863
4 (3) DERAILLED \$6,506,669	9 (7) THE LEGEND OF ZORRO \$2,355,095
5 (2) ZATHURA \$5,133,592	10 (10) PRIDE AND PREJUDICE \$2,141,554
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**TOP 10**

1 (2) BATMAN BEGINS	6 (9) KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
2 (-) THE DESCENT	7 (7) THE AVIATOR
3 (4) SIN CITY	8 (6) MEET THE FOCKERS
4 (1) STAR WARS: EP III - REVENGE OF THE SITH	9 (5) HITCH
5 (3) CONSTANTINE	10 (8) THE INTERPRETER

**COMING SOON**

**NEXT WEEK:** Rowan Atkinson memorably minds his manners as a vicar whose wife is having an affair with visiting American Patrick Swayze while his mother-in-law Maggie Smith behaves very badly indeed in the blithe black comedy *Keeping Mum*.

**THE WEEK AFTER:** Disney tries to outdo the magic of Harry Potter and The Lord Of The Rings with the dazzling fantasy epic *The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe*, starring Tilda Swinton as The Witch.

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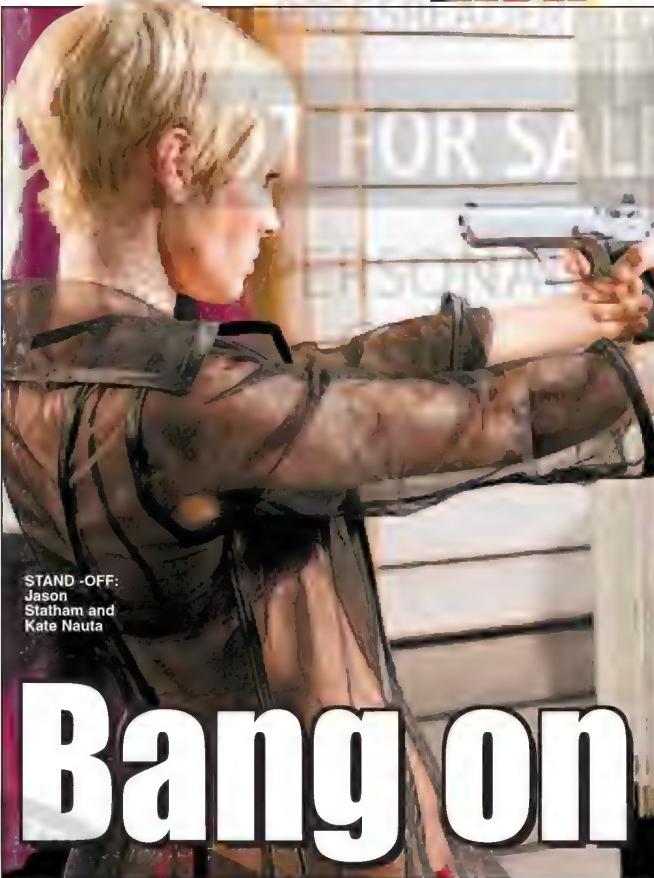
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**007-STYLE JASON IS LICENSED TO THRILL**

**TRANSPORTER 2 (15)**

**THIS riot of car chases, martial arts mayhem and a luscious villainess gives 007 a real run for his money.**

Ex-Special Forces operative Jason Statham resembles Roger Moore's Bond as he pulverises baddies who kidnap a six-year-old boy in Miami. Ignore the plot about a dastardly drug

lord trying to unleash a deadly virus and simply savour near non-stop thrills as one-man army Statham flies a car from building to building, steals a jet ski to chase his quarry and takes on saucy bra and knick-knacks wearing sexpot Kate Nauta who fires at him with giant bazookas.

Director Louis Leterrier, the martial arts co-ordinator and their army of ace stuntmen stage sufficient amazing action to satisfy the most demanding film-goer in a cumminly contrived thriller that makes 007 look like the Girl Guides.

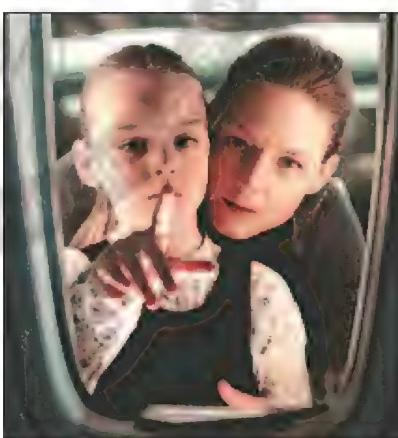
**VERDICT: 8/10**

**FLIGHTPLAN (12A)**  
WOULD you board a trans-Atlantic airliner piloted by Mr Bean?

Actually, the question's a tad unfair since in question is Captain Sean Bean who is drawn into the mounting mystery generated by this super suspense thriller.

Bean's called from the cockpit when recently widowed Jodie Foster freaks out after her six-year-old daughter vanishes in mid-flight. Nobody can remember ever seeing the girl, leaving aero engineer Jodie to solve the bizarre mystery.

OK, it's a riff on Hitchcock's classic *The Lady Vanishes* but if you suspend disbelief, which isn't hard thanks to Robert Schwentke's driving direc-



JET SET: Jodie Foster loses her daughter in Flightplan

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THE EX FACTOR:  
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as Emily

tion and a smart script with clever twists, your pulse should pound along with Jodie's.

Mind you, there was one thing that I really couldn't believe. There are 425 passengers on board the plane but no queues for the loos. Pull the other one.

**VERDICT:** 7/10

**THE EXORCISM OF  
EMILY ROSE (15)**  
LAWYER Laura Linney faces her toughest trial when she defends Catholic

priest Tom Wilkinson on a charge of negligent homicide after the "possessed" 19-year-old girl he was exorcising dies in this enthralling supernatural thriller.

## Terror

"There are forces surrounding this trial, dark powerful forces," Wilkinson tells his brief and he's not kidding as Linney is drawn into a web of mounting terror. Linney is first class, **VERDICT:** 7/10

Campbell Scott is convincingly cold as her courtroom opponent and Wilkinson's wavering American accent is good for a few laughs.

Thirty years ago, Linda Blair vomited up pea soup in *The Exorcist* but while there is no soup spewing here, scary satanic shocks and slick special effects are compellingly combined with a taut courtroom drama that truly thrills and chills.

**VERDICT:** 7/10

**NOW - DON'T MISS PAGE 51**

## A COMIC STRIP LAUGH

MRS HENDERSON PRESENTS

(12A) HOW does wealthy widow Judi Dench react when she buys London's Windmill Theatre in 1937 and stages hit musical revues created by Bob Hoskins, only to have other West End theatres cash in by ripping off the successful formula?

Simple. "Let's have naked girls," cries Dench.

And soon tasty tableaux featuring stately nudes (who weren't allowed to move but undoubtedly moved happy male theatre-goers) transform the Windmill into a saucy London legend.

This engagingly funny fable may

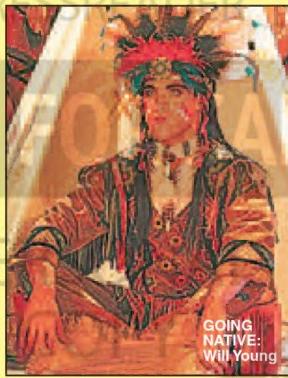
play fast and loose with the facts but it's all hugely entertaining.

Dench has a ball with her enjoyably eccentric role.

Hoskins comes up with a weird posh accent and Will Young sings sweetly.

But film fans beware – while the topless babes are tame by today's standards, the mercifully brief fight sight of Hoskins in the buff could put you off chipolatas for life.

**VERDICT:** 7/10



GOING NATIVE:  
Will Young

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Such as a fleet of six yachts - a snip at £43m. Or a private Caribbean island and golf course - yours for just £41m. And yesterday, Harrods launched the most expensive perfume bottle ever, Imperial Majesty.

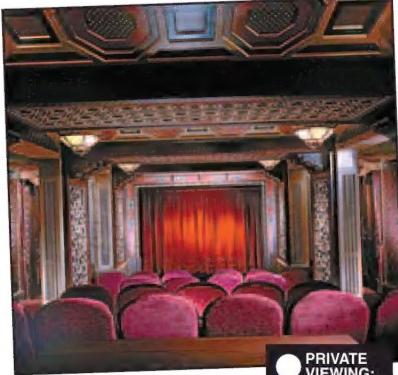
■ There are only 10 in the world,



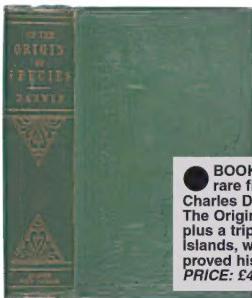
and one is being cossetted by the store's boss Mohamed Al Fayed, left. They are made of Baccarat crystal with a diamond inset in the gold collar and will set you back a mere £115,000 a time.

■ Best get your order in now, then. But even if your bank balance will hardly stretch to a box of chocs this Christmas, just revel in KATE JACKSON'S top-notch gift suggestions.

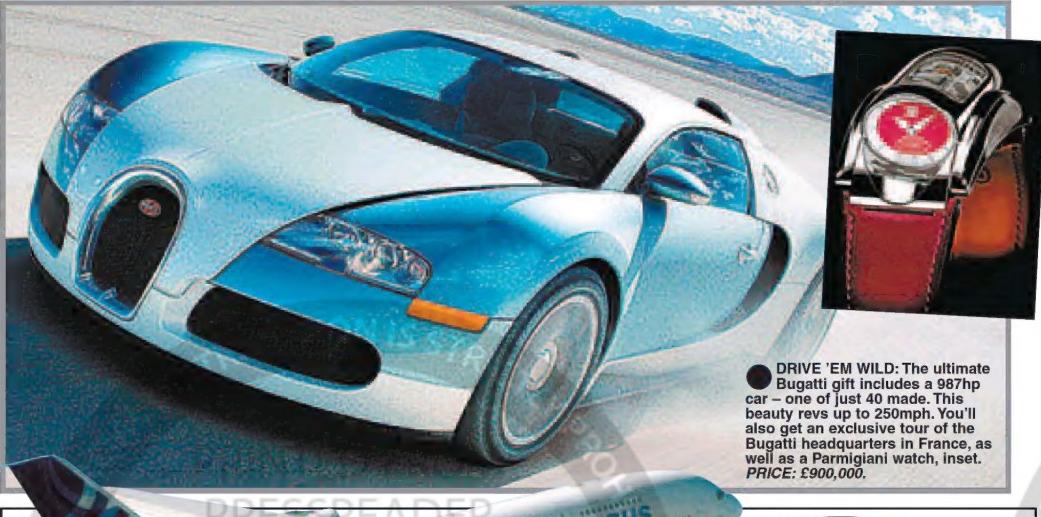
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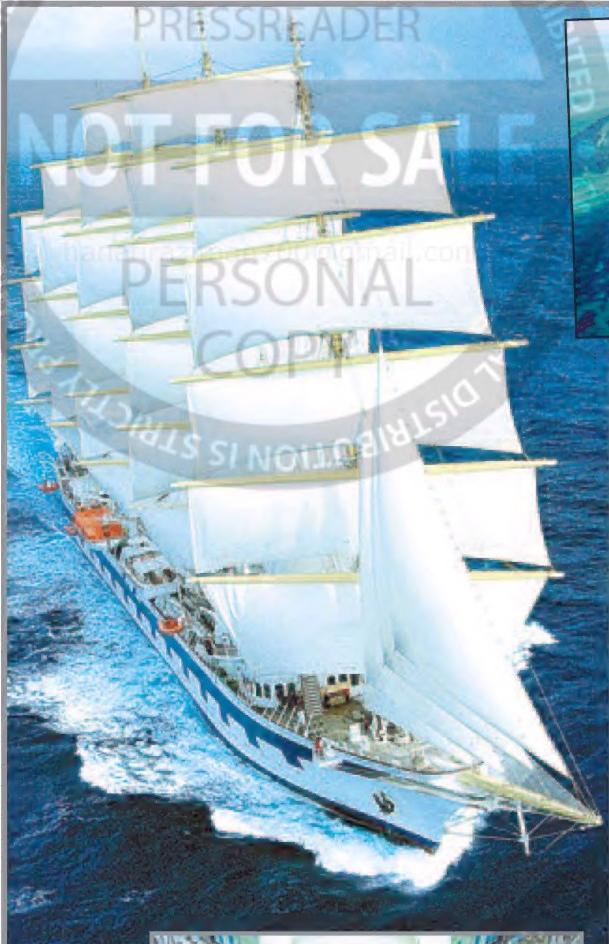
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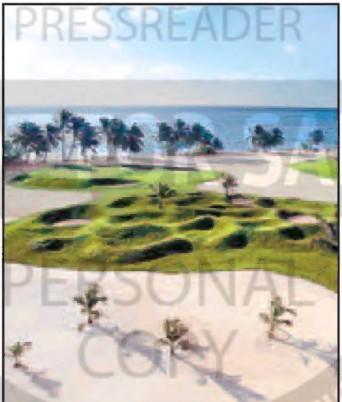
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**2.05 Doctors** George takes early maternity leave. (T) 15838583  
**2.35 Diagnosis Murder** Last in series. (R,T) 5160309  
**3.20 BBC News**, (T) Local News, Weather 1635458  
**3.25 CBBC: Lazy Town** (R,T) 3313729 3.50 Pinky And The Brain (T) 9412496 4.10 The Scooby, Scrappy And Yabba-Doo Show (R,T) 1225274 4.30 The Basil Brush Show (T) 274 5.00 Blue Peter (T) 7921564 5.25 Newsround (T) 7471361  
**5.35 Neighbours** (R,T) 384651  
**6.00 BBC News** (T) 767  
**6.30 Local News Programmes**, (T) Weather 449



A QUESTION OF SPORT: Wales and British & Irish Lions star Ryan Jones tests his sporting knowledge, 7pm

**BBC Two**

- 6.00 Close** 61922 7.00 CBBC: Looney Tunes (R,T) 5892922 **7.05 Jakers! The Adventures Of Piggle Winks** (R,T) 4494318 **7.30 The Stables** (R,T) 7078212 **7.55 Newsround** (T) 2329922 **8.00 The Really Wild Show** (R,T) 59903 **8.30 CBeebies: CBeebies Birthdays** (T) 3747564 **8.35 Lazy Town** (R,T) 5287293 **9.00 Pingu** (R) 1802106 **9.05 Clifford's Puppy Days** (T) 3848651 **9.25 Something Special** (R,T) 8500062 **9.40 Tweenies** (R,T) 4686903 **10.00 The Future Is Wild**: Picturing the Amazon basin in five million years. (R,T) Followed by *The Witness* (R) 17564  
**10.30 Schools** 54564  
**12.00 The Daily Politics** (T) 52090  
**12.30 Working Lunch** (T) 40496  
**1.30 World Gymnastics Championships** 41125  
**2.30 Perfect Holiday** (R,T) 380  
**3.00 Garden Invaders** A suburban back garden. (T) 7090  
**3.30 Thoroughly Modern Medic** The trainee doctors study various diseases. Last in series. (T) 59632  
**4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** Culinary challenge, with Ross Burden and Tony Tobin. (T) 1990632  
**5.15 Weakest Link** Quiz, hosted by Anne Robinson. (T) 979767  
**6.00 Eggheads** Quiz show, (T) 309  
**6.30 Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two** The contenders have final rehearsals. (T) 361



EGGHEADS: Famous game show winners tackle new challengers with Dermot Murnaghan, 6pm

**ITV1**

- 5.30 ITV News** (T) 81274  
**6.00 GMTV** (T) 7561570  
**9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Talk show in which Jeremy Kyle invites guests to air their differences in front of a studio audience. (T) 7382767  
**10.30 This Morning** Actor Colin Firth discusses his new film and Simply Red drop in to chat and perform. Plus, the soap round-up with Sharon Marshall. (T) 41090  
**12.00 This Morning - I'm A Celebrity... Special** Becky Martin reports live from the jungle. (T) 58616  
**12.30 ITV News** (T) 37922  
**1.30 Today With Des And Mel** Chat show, hosted by Des O'Connor and Melanie Sykes. (T) 38651  
**2.30 Our New Life In Everwood** A church trip brings Amy and Colin together. Ephram finds himself falling for Colin's younger sister, and Andy attends a singles mixer. (T) 81583  
**3.29 Local Weather** 1652125  
**3.30 CITV: Pocoyo** (R,T) 4996187  
**3.35 Mr Bean: The Animated Series** (R) 9380651 **3.50 Planet Sketch** (R,T) 4995835 **4.00 Disney's The Legend Of Tarzan** (T) 458 4.30 Harry Hill's Shark Infested Custard (T) 670  
**5.00 The Paul O'Grady Show** Daily entertainment show. (T) 5496  
**6.00 Local News**, (T) Weather 835  
**6.30 ITV News**, (T) Weather 187



EMMERDALE: Paul discovers he has an unexpected admirer, 7pm

**Channel 4**

- 6.00 Cubeez** (R) 5657458  
**6.10 The Hoobs** (R,T) 2643699  
**6.35 The Hoobs** (R,T) 3382941  
**7.00 Ba** 48922  
**7.30 Friends** (R,T) 34729  
**8.00 Just Shoot Me** (T) 2331767  
**8.25 Will & Grace** (R,T) 3754477  
**8.50 Frasier** (R,T) 7123090  
**9.20 Grudge Match** (R,T) 1891090  
**9.30 The Deadly Knowledge Show** (T) 8105125  
**9.55 Re-Writing History** (R,T) 6685274  
**10.00 Tate Modern** (R,T) 1948854  
**10.05 New Boy** (R,T) 8051545  
**11.05 National Gallery** (R,T) 6254038  
**11.10 Tate Modern** (R,T) 7540816  
**11.15 Self Portrait** (R,T) 8430090  
**11.40 National Gallery** (R,T) 4705583  
**11.45 Tate Modern** (R,T) 4704854  
**11.50 National Gallery** (R,T) 4796835  
**11.55 Tate Modern** (R,T) 4795106  
**12.00 News At Noon** (T) 54548  
**12.30 Ed** (T) 9112564  
**1.20 House Auction** (T) 62275816  
**1.50 FILM : Incident In A Small Town** 1994 (PG) Murder mystery, starring Walter Matthau and Stephanie Zimbalist. (T) 31851564  
**3.30 Countdown** (T) 2754651  
**4.15 Deal Or No Deal** (T) 3443767  
**5.00 Richard & Judy** (T) 3038  
**6.00 The Simpsons** (R,T) 477  
**6.30 Hollyoaks** Joe gets a grilling from Louise. (T) 729



HEROES OF COMEDY: Profile of the late comedian Ronnie Barker, 9pm

**Five**

- 6.00 Milkshake!** *Titch* (R) 53866816 **6.10 Old Bear Stories** (R) 53880496 **6.20 Rolie Polie Olie** (R) 41614699 **6.50 Hi-5** (R,T) 6898187  
**7.25 The Adventures Of Bottle Top Bill And His Best Friend Corky** (R) 3470580 **7.45 Make Way For Noddy** (R) 1716125 **8.00 Fifi And The Flowertots** (R) 2010583 **8.20 Peppa Pig** (R) 393106 **8.30 Roobarb And Custard Too** (T) 8256729 **8.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends** (R) 8270309 **8.50 Bird Bath** (R) 8269293  
**9.00 Softies** (R) 2411187 **9.05 Franny's Feel** (R) 6501380 **9.15 MechaNick** (R) 6507564  
**9.25 The Wright Stuff** With actress Sarah Jayne Dunn. (T) 93639545  
**10.30 Trisha Goddard** (T) 3711545  
**11.30 Five News** (T) 6023019  
**12.00 Home And Away** Josie plans to leave Summer Bay. (R,T) 6739458  
**12.30 BrainTeaser** 3715361  
**1.30 FILM: The Mountain** 1956 (PG) Drama, with Spencer Tracy and Robert Wagner. (T) 7402800  
**3.30 Five News Update** (T) 48433729  
**3.35 FILM: Immediate Family** 1989 (PG) Emotional drama, starring Glenn Close. (T) 4585980  
**5.00 Five News** (T) 8185854  
**6.00 Home And Away** Matilda sneaks off with Callan. (T) 8128767  
**6.30 Family Affairs** (T) 8173019



GROSSE POINTE BLANK: Hit-man John Cusack visits his old school, 9pm

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- 7.00 A Question Of Sport** Team captains Ally McCoist and Matt Dawson join host Sue Barker. (T) 8729  
**7.30 Spending Other People's Money** A car salesman is forced to cut back his wayward spending. (T) 903

- 8.00 EastEnders** The police come round to the Vic when Sam fails to sign in at the station – prompting Phil to warn Billy about the search. (T) 7477  
**8.30 Bleak House** Esther struggles to comprehend the shocking revelations. (T) 9212

- 9.00 Have I Got News For You** Satirical current affairs quiz. (T) 1274  
**9.30 Blessed** Gary and Sue seek advice from a book on raising children and a girl band begin recording at the studio. (T) 17800

- 10.00 BBC News** (T) 62477  
**10.30 Local News**, (T) Weather 936748  
**10.35 Friday Night With Jonathan Ross** With Patrick Swayze and Damon Albarn. 114309

- 11.35 FILM: Patch Adams** 1998 (12) Comedy drama. A talented student doctor turns the medical community upside down with his offbeat views about the healing power of laughter, with Robin Williams. (T) Followed by *Weatherview*. 803212

- 1.30 BBC News 24** 2525323

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- 7.00 Pregnant? You're Fired!** How potential mothers face being sacked from their jobs. (T) 9699  
**7.30 How To Rescue A House** Architect Maxwell Hutchinson helps a man find a derelict property. (T) 545

- 8.00 Garden School** The students receive drawing lessons from artist John Gingell. (T) 5019  
**8.30 Gardeners' World Special** Carol Klein hunts down a selection of sweet-smelling plants. (R,T) 7854

- 9.00 Timewatch** How a team of Harvard psychologists created a profile of Adolf Hitler in 1943. (T) 893903  
**9.50 Posh Nosh** Minty and Simon rustle up food for a toddler's party. (R,T) 992941

- 10.00 QI: Quite Interesting** With Andy Hamilton and Helen Atkinson Wood. (T) 60019  
**10.30 Newsnight Headline** round-up. (T) 79767

- 11.00 Newsnight Review** The week's cultural highlights. (T) 310816  
**11.35 Later With Jools Holland** With Solomon Burke, David Gray and the Rakes. Last in series. (T) 417293

- 12.35 FILM: The Body Snatcher** 1945 (PG) Chiller. (b/w) (T) 6300084 (R) 6300084 **2.00 Learning Zone** (T) 44881 **2.30 Copulation Explosion** (T) 30688 **3.00 Getting It Right** (T) 54133 **3.30 Rothko** (T) 45268 **4.00 Harlem In The 60s** (T) 35133 **4.30 Glasgow 1998** (T) 55862 **5.00 Jump Over Your Shadow** (T) 11930 **5.30 Ever Wondered?** 91539

- 7.00 Emmerdale** Sandy returns to the village and Paul is shocked to discover that he is the object of Ivan's affection. (T) 6125  
**7.30 Coronation Street** Kirk finishes his relationship with Fiz on Molly's advice. (T) 699

- 8.00 Tonight With Trevor McDonald** The stories behind the headlines. (T) 2545  
**8.30 Airline** Friday the 13th brings chaos to strike-bound Gatwick and passenger Keith Frys' trip to Madrid hangs in the balance. (T) 4380

- 9.00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!** Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as one of the famous faces prepares to tackle the Bush Tucker Trial and earn the team a decent dinner. (T) 2496

- 10.00 The Sweeney - Must See TV** Celebration of the Seventies police drama. (T) 57545  
**10.30 ITV Weekend News**, (T) Weather 66293

- 11.00 Fact Hunt** Comedy quiz, with Al Murray. (T) 8187  
**11.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here: Live** Uninterrupted coverage. 859922

- 2.00 Entertainment Now** (T) 1206220 **2.25 ITV At The Reading Festival** (T) 7587133 **3.20 Cduk Hotshots** (R,T) Followed by *ITV News* 46218881 **3.45 The Springer Show** (R,T) 5023201 **4.40 Tonight With Trevor McDonald** (R,T) 2993997 **5.05-5.30 ITV Nightscreen** 6894626

- 7.00 Channel 4 News** Including sport and weather. (T) 4767  
**7.30 Friends** Joey throws a party and invites the cast of *Days of Our Lives*, but refuses to ask the gang in case their behaviour embarrasses him. (R,T) 941

- 8.00 Friends** Chandler and Monica go to a fertility clinic for tests. (R,T) 4877  
**8.30 The Simpsons** Doctors discover Homer has had a crayon lodged in his brain since childhood and decide to remove it. (R,T) 2922

- 9.00 Heroes Of Comedy** Portrait of comedy actor Ronnie Barker, with contributions from friends and colleagues including Ronnie Corbett, Michael Palin and David Jason. (R,T) 1598

- 10.00 Peep Show** Jeremy plans a party. (T) 55187  
**10.30 Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights** Keith Lard threatens the club. (R,T) 736670

- 11.05 The Osbournes** Sharon's chat show comes to an end, and she lets her hair down by embarking on a shopping spree. (T) 957979  
**11.35 FILM: Bats** 1999 (15) Horror thriller. Genetically engineered mutated bats escape from a shady research facility. Starring Lou Diamond Phillips. (T) 429309

- 1.10 Totally Board** (R) 4598626  
**1.40 World Cup Snowboard** 2005 Top Buzzer 37797591 **2.30 The Love Boat** (R) 78231828 **3.45 The Dead Zone** (R,T) 8655336 **4.25 Russell Grant's Postcards** (R) 16491626 **4.30 Lexx** (R,T) 6067607 **5.15-6.00 Sunset Beach** (R,T) 5707355

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- 11.05 FILM: Fist Of Fury** 1972 (18) Bruce Lee action adventure. Ancient rivalries come to the fore as students from a Japanese school of martial arts wage war on a rival Chinese dojo. (T) 1393748

- 1.05 Commando VIP Uncut** (T) 5022268 **2.05 Top Buzzer** 37797591 **2.30 The Love Boat** (R) 78231828 **3.45 The Dead Zone** (R,T) 8655336 **4.25 Russell Grant's Postcards** (R) 16491626 **4.30 Lexx** (R,T) 6067607 **5.15-6.00 Sunset Beach** (R,T) 5707355

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